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## Ethan Allen sex offender housing proposal worth pursuing

## Statement from Alderman Tony Zielinski December 21, 2015

Legislation soon to be proposed by state Rep. Michael Schraa (Oshkosh) to house certain sex offenders at the former Ethan Allen School for Boys in Delafield, Wisconsin, is worth pursuing, and I will be preparing Common Council legislation seeking to support the proposal.

As we wrestle with seemingly never-ending issues involving housing and relocating sex offenders, in my view it makes sense to take a serious look at housing offenders at the state-owned Ethan Allen facility, which has been vacant since the summer of 2011.

It makes sense that we look at locating these offenders away from neighborhoods, away from potential victims, and away from playgrounds and schools. A secure and remote location such as Ethan Allen would be a perfect place – in my opinion – to house these individuals.

I will be urging my colleagues to support my Council legislation in support of Rep. Schraa's soon-to-be-drafted statewide bill.



